



# WINDOW on WINDSOR

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**Next  
Neighborhood  
Association  
Meeting**

**Saturday, Sept  
9th at 10am.**

**Back room at  
Memorial United  
Methodist Church  
6100 Berkman Dr.**

**Meeting Focus:  
We will discuss  
Fall Gardening  
in Austin with  
our guests from  
American Botanical Council  
and the Ladybird Johnson  
Wildflower Center**

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## September Letter from the President

*By Meghan Dougherty*

### AISD Bond Election

September's here, and we're back to school. We were lucky to have Dr. Terrence Eaton, Associate Superintendent of Middle Schools, present on the upcoming AISD bond during our August meeting. The bond package includes school improvements for every part of Austin, and, of most importance to our neighborhood, the construction of a co-ed middle school in Mueller. More information on the bond, which will be on the November ballot, can be found here: <https://www.austinisd.org/bond>.

### Beautification Committee



Despite the heat, our Beautification Committee, spearheaded by Rodney Ahart, were hard at work improving the median on Berkman and 290. [Continues on page 2]

## AISD Bond proposes \$114M investment in schools in Windsor Park attendance zone

*Juan Pablo Martínez, Schools Committee.*

AISD will hold a bond election on November 7 to decide the fate of a \$1.05BN investment that seeks to address improvements and modernizations needed in campuses district-wide.

The bond will not raise the tax rate. Instead, it will authorize the district to borrow additional funds that are not subject to recapture by the state. AISD is proposing to limit the amount it borrows and spread it over time in what the district calls a "borrow-and-repay-as-we-go" approach. In other words, not all the funds will be borrowed at once.

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## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: MIGUEL JIMENEZ

*Martin Luecke*

Our neighbor on Yorkshire Drive and Norwood Hill since 2004, Miguel is the guy who brought us Nomad Bar. Opened in March 2008, Nomad marked the beginning of a series of new businesses making a home in Windsor Park. The importance of Nomad's success cannot be understated: prior to 2008, there had been only a handful of small businesses to open in WP in decades, and we needed someone to come along and prove it could work in our back yard. In other words, we needed a winner with a high profile.

Originally a day labor business in the tiny strip mall on Corona Street, the space was very low profile. Almost no one in the neighborhood even knew it existed. But Miguel had been passing the place for several years and looking at it with a different eye than the rest of us. Having spent a number of years in the restaurant and bar industry as a door man, waiter, bartender, "anything to make a buck" he says, Miguel had a secret desire to open his own place.

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[President's Letter, continued from p 1]

This has been a multi-year project for our neighborhood, originally funded by a grant. Many neighbors have participated in the planting and maintenance of the median, and it's doing really well! A group of seven volunteers met in August to mulch the plantings. If you're interested in participating in events like these, please join the committee. You can contact Rodney at [beautification@windsorpark.info](mailto:beautification@windsorpark.info).

**Sponsorship Coordinator Wanted**

We are also looking for a volunteer willing to take up the position of sponsorship coordinator. We run over 4000 copies of this newsletter each month and hand deliver it to homes across our large neighborhood. This newsletter is a team effort, and it depends on the sponsorship of the generous businesses that take out ads each month. Chad Cotton has served in this role for a long time, and during his tenure he's helped us raise thousands of dollars and has networked with businesses throughout this neighborhood. Thanks to his work, our sponsorships almost entirely cover the cost of printing this publication. He's stepping down, so we're looking for someone to pick up the mantle. He will be available to train anyone interested in taking on this work. Please contact me at [president@windsorpark.info](mailto:president@windsorpark.info) if interested.

**September 9 Meeting - Fall Gardening**

As the weather starts to cool off (kinda), many residents of our neighborhood will return to their gardens, adding plants, mulching, etc. Our September 9 meeting topic will be gardening in Austin. So far we have confirmed Jenny Perez, from the American Botanical Council (our neighbors on Manor Ln), and Becky Engle from the Wildflower Center. Come with your questions about fall gardening and gardening with native plants and herbs.

**Pomerleau Park Event**

On Sept. 30, there is a great opportunity to help in a Mapping at Pomerleau Park on Patton Lane. See Ann Armstrong's article on p. 5. We'll send out registration information on our Yahoo listserv and Facebook page in early September.



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AISD will also use available bond dollars from the 2008 and 2013 contingency funds, as well as revenue from proposed land sales to minimize the amount it borrows.

The table below shows a high-level summary of the projects being proposed for the campuses within our attendance boundaries. Should the bond be approved by voters, LASA, which is an open-enrollment school, would be relocated to the Eastside Memorial high school campus near 183 and Airport Blvd., and that the attendance boundaries for the new North East Middle School proposed for the Mueller site have not been defined. I included both of them on this

#### Proposed improvements to AISD schools in or near Windsor Park attendance boundaries

Proposed Improvements	Elementaries			Middle Schools			High Schools		
	Andrews	Blanton	Harris	Garcia	Means	Mueller*	LASA	LBJ	Reagan
Academic Reinvention: Tech Career program									x
Academic Reinvention: Medical HS program								x	
Architectural or interior renovations					x				
Below crawl-space ventilation & drainage								x	
Building foundation & structural improvements				x					
Campus Master Planning					x		x	x	x
Electrical updates	x		x		x		x	x	x
Elevator replacement								x	
Exterior door replacement								x	
Exterior stairs repairs or replacement					x			x	
Fire, security alarm/cameras upgrades	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Heating and air conditioning improvements			x	x			x		
New Construction						x			
Parking lot / vehicle circulation improvements				x					
Roofing repairs or replacement					x				
Safety Improvements									x
Sealing building envelope improvements	x	x						x	
Sidewalk improvements		x		x					
Site drainage improvements		x	x		x		x		x
Structural improvements					x				
Technology updates	x	x		x			x	x	x
Theater repairs									x
<b>Project Costs</b>	\$0.5M	\$0.8M	\$2M	\$4.3M	\$3.1M	\$61M	\$10.4M	\$25.6M	\$6.7M
<b>Dollars per student</b>	\$883	\$1,604	\$3,216	\$10,058	\$7,939	\$76,198	\$9,343	\$32,049	\$5,200
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>\$114.4 Million</b>								

\* The Mueller site is currently listed in the district plans as "New North East Middle School". Its attendance boundaries have not been defined.

table because they have been the focus of many of our neighborhoods' engagements with the district.

**Source:** Figures compiled by the author based on the district's Bond Model Document dated 7/27/2017. Every care was taken to report accurate figures. Some improvement line-items were combined for brevity. Refer to: [https://www.aecomconnect.com/AISD\\_FCA/docs/AISD%20Bond%20Model%20-%20Final\\_2017.07.27.pdf](https://www.aecomconnect.com/AISD_FCA/docs/AISD%20Bond%20Model%20-%20Final_2017.07.27.pdf)

As Dr. Terrence Eaton, Associate Superintendent for Middle Schools shared at our August neighborhood meeting, the bond is the culmination of a two-year stakeholder engagement exercise in which the district sought input from community members through over 500 engagement opportunities, and developed a 25-year Facilities Master Plan. The voters' decision this November, one way or the other, will have a lasting impact in our neighborhood schools. Our schools committee will meet to further discuss the bond proposal at our next meeting on **September 6th**, and we invite you to join us!

Early voting begins on October 23rd. I encourage you to learn more about the bond and refer to the more detailed school-by-school improvements proposed by visiting the district's page: <https://www.austinisd.org/bond>  
*The WPNA Schools Committee meets the first Wednesday of the month from September through May. Email [schools@windsorpark.info](mailto:schools@windsorpark.info) for details and location.*

## September 2017 Mueller Update

*Rick Krivoniak*

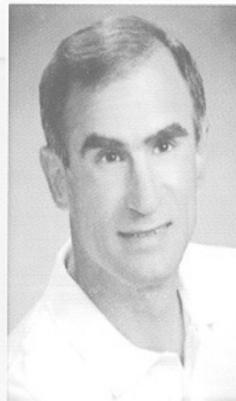
Come join the grand opening of Mueller's Aldrich Street dining and entertainment town center on September 14<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9 PM.

The free event will be a night-time street fair with live music performances by More Cowbell and the Nash Hernandez Orchestra. Among the offerings will be Poptails from Colleen's Kitchen, beer flight samplings from WhichCraft Tap Room & Bottle Shop, a chef demo from L'Oca D'Oro, pie samples from J.T. Youngblood's, henna tattoo artists from Overture Mueller, giant Jenga and dominoes from AMLI on Aldrich, ladder ball from Aldrich 51, ring-toss and prizes from Alamo Drafthouse Mueller, water from Orangetheory Fitness Mueller, and other giveaways and activities from Halcyon Mueller, Stella Public House Mueller and the Thinkery! Visit "Aldrich Street Opening Celebration" on Facebook or [AldrichSstreet.com](http://AldrichSstreet.com) for more information. Parking in the garage on McBee Street will be free for this evening's event.

KUTX Live at Mueller, a series of free music events, return for Friday evenings - September 22<sup>nd</sup>, October 27<sup>th</sup> and November 17<sup>th</sup> - at the Mueller Lake Park Amphitheater. KUTX and Mueller bring you a kid-friendly act followed by rock 'n' roll for the grown-ups. The music begins at 7 PM, but activities for kids and food for purchase will be available before the show starts. Please note: No chairs, glass containers or alcohol are permitted at the park. Guests may bring blankets or stadium cushions. See the KUTX Facebook page or [kutx.org/live-events/free-family-concerts-at-mueller](http://kutx.org/live-events/free-family-concerts-at-mueller) for more information.

Foundation Communities received approval from the State of Texas for \$13.5 million in tax credits to help fund the building of The Jordan, a 132-unit, family-oriented affordable housing complex that will break ground in early 2018. Executive Director Walter Moreau anticipates that roughly one-hundred K-12 kids will reside in the complex, which will be in the Blanton-to-Reagan attendance area. The site, at the corner of the future intersection of Philomena & Tilley Streets, is diagonally across from the proposed middle-school site. The project will have an on-site learning center, and will share information with AISD as the student population numbers become clearer.

The Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission will next meet at 6:00 PM on Tuesday September 12, 2017 at the Britton, Durst, Howard & Spence Building (Chestnut Community Center), 1183 Chestnut Avenue. Go to <https://austintexas.gov/rmmapiac> to see RMMAPIAC agendas, minutes and other documents. Address Mueller questions and comments to [bc-rick.krivoniak@austintexas.gov](mailto:bc-rick.krivoniak@austintexas.gov)



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## Participate with Austin's Atlas to Document Pomerleau Park

*Ann Armstrong*

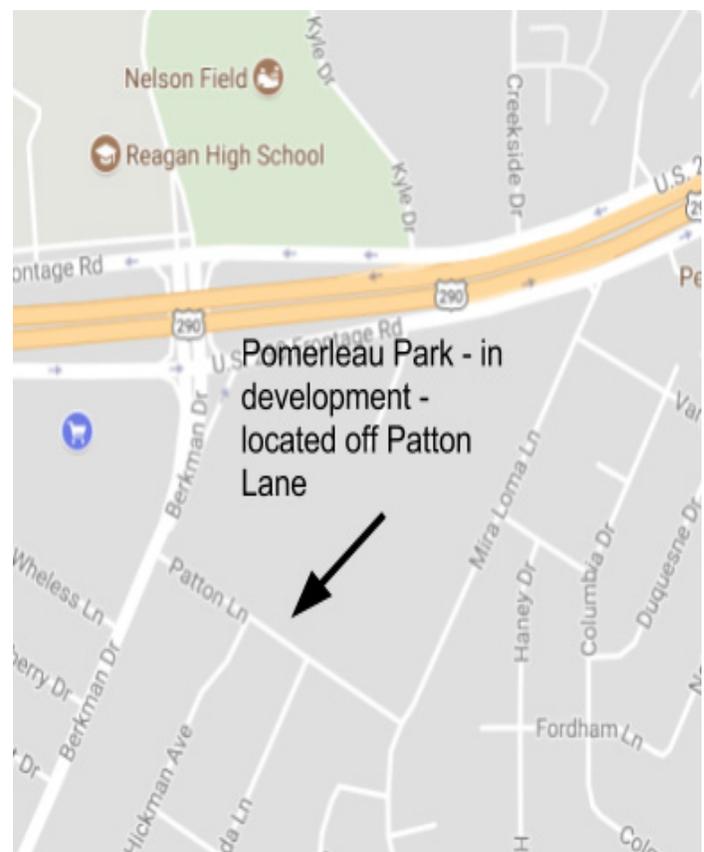
Austin's Atlas explores our multifaceted relationships to place through hand drawn maps, workshops, walks, and mixed media urban explorations. Through these mediums, it aims to foster more intimate relationships between residents and the city of Austin.

The Atlas project grew out of three things: 1. my own love of walking and exploring places on foot, 2. a feeling of disconnectedness I felt when I first moved here, and 3. my reaction to Austin's quickly evolving urban landscape. The more I experience the city on foot, the more I've gotten to know and fall in love with it. And the more I fall in love, the harder it is for me to see it change. I find myself attached to the feeling of the city when I first moved here. I LOVE that Austin is becoming denser and more walkable, but a quickly evolving horizon /skyline / streetscape is disorienting...and on many occasions I've found myself lost in familiar places. Sometimes it feels like the city and I are growing apart, and I'm not ready for that. So I make and collect maps and draw what I love about it, because it may not be there next week/next year.

A brief history of the project: It began in 2013 with a Placemaking Grant from the Downtown Austin Alliance for an Urban Oddities Illustrated Pedestrian Guide. In 2014, the Atlas shifted to a more participatory mode of operation via the ongoing collection and archiving of hand drawn maps. This occurs through Map Drives held during the East Austin Studio Tour. The collected maps produce a slowly growing, collaborative portrait of the city. The maps reflect on the past, celebrate what is, and contemplate the future of the city through Austinites' lived experiences.

In 2016, Austin's Atlas integrated site specific explorations into the mix--i.e. Walk & Draws (a collaboration with map maker extraordinaire Emma Gundlach) and Mappenings. Whereas the Map Drives ask participants to make maps from memory, the Walk & Draws encourage participants to make maps of places in real time - in the field. Mappenings expand upon the Walk & Draws as mixed media documentations of place. The most recent Mappenings have focused on the area under the 7th Street overpass @ Tillery St. To date, we've dug up some history of the area at the Austin History Center, made urban land art, and documented the surprising variety of plant life found there.

Who knows where Austin's Atlas will be a year from now...and who knows where Austin will be. **We do know that we'll be exploring Pomerleau Park on Sept. 30!** We hope to dig a little deeper into this place, to see what grows there, and what it might grow into in the future. We'll focus on using watercolor techniques to individually document, ID, and then collectively map the plant life around the park. Supplies and introductory watercolor instruction are provided. This event is for anyone interested in any or all of the following: drawing, looking, watercolors, plants, trees, mapmaking, exploring in-between spaces, and/or contemplating notions of place. \*Expertise is NOT required. We invite you to join us in Mappening Pomerleau Park!



## WPNA By-Laws Amendments

Amendments to the neighborhood association bylaws will be offered for debate and voted upon at the September 9 meeting. The changes were presented at the August 12 meeting, and are available on the WPNA website and Facebook page.

They concern allowing the establishment of rules and procedures for normal WPNA officer duties, setting guidelines for preparing and voting on the annual budget, eliminating standing committees beyond the Membership, Nomination, Newsletter, and Audit Committees, and renaming the current ANC delegate position to "Intra-Neighborhood Organizations Delegate". There are also several small editorial changes. Neighborhood association members are encouraged to participate in the discussion and vote on the proposal.

## Update from CM Ora Houston, District #1

The Council is in the midst of budget discussions. All departments have thoughtfully prepared a budget that was 1% below their respective budget needs, and council is ready to approve the budget by September 13th. The City Council had two public hearings, and I definitely appreciated all the interest and input from the community.

I proposed that the council reserve the \$4 million that departments identified, which could be used for council priorities. I support a conservative posture because of the unknown funding priorities included in the Federal and State budgets. If it turns out that all grants and funding stays in place, the budget could be amended at the later date and reprioritize the funds. If you have any questions before or after the budget approval, please contact Ms. Sophia Williams in our office.

In the fast lane, the Mobility Bond projects are rolling out and being completed every week. The goal of the Austin Transportation Department is to execute the priority projects, as those have been in queue for some time without the required funding.

There is a new tool that allows you to see where the mobility projects are occurring, what will be occurring and when it will happen. Visit the website and try out the tool at [AustinTexas.gov/2016bond](http://AustinTexas.gov/2016bond). Reach out to Ms. Geno Rodriguez in our office for all things transportation or mobility.

Finally, the second draft of the new Land Development Code, known as CodeNext, will be released on September 15, 2017. I urge you to review the new draft, attend community meetings to understand the impacts and benefits, and provide your feedback.

We will be asking Development Services to host a community meeting for District #1, so keep an eye out for more information from our office. Speak to Mr. Christopher Hutchins in our office for CodeNext or land use questions.

**Save the Date!** The next District #1 Town Hall will be Saturday, October 28, 2017. The time and location is to be determined. Please call the office to receive notices, information and/or to speak to someone: 512-978-2101.

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## Monarchs & OE parasite

*Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist*

The protozoan parasite *Ophryocystis elektroscirrha* (OE) infects monarch and queen butterflies. It is an obligate parasite and requires a host to live within to grow and multiply. It was first discovered in the 1960's infecting monarchs in Florida. Since then, it's been found in monarch populations across the world. It is thought that the parasite has co-evolved with monarchs.

There are three major populations of monarchs in the United States- one east of the Rocky Mountains that winters in Central Mexico and migrate north into the US and Canada; another west of the Rocky mountains that overwinters on the coast of California; the third population are non-migratory and [continued on page 9]

## Harris Elementary

*Ms. Kimberly Blankenship, counselor*

We are so excited to start a new year at Thomas G Harris! We are growing our PreK3 program, welcoming Head Start and growing our partnerships with the Andy Roddick Foundation and The Kellogg Foundation!

More exciting news that will affect our community is that Austin ISD has become a District of Innovation (DOI), a designation that allows schools to adjust schedules and calendars to meet the needs of their school community.

As part of the DOI, Superintendent, Dr. Paul Cruz, approved a plan for the LBJ Vertical Team Elementary Schools to change the official start time to 7:40 am to provide extra professional development days for our teachers in an effort to better meet the needs of our school community. Our additional Professional Days, where scholars will be off, are September 25, December 18 & 19, and January 3.

Some important days coming up are:

- September 8 – Grandparents day
- September 12 – CAC meeting
- September 14 – Back to School

Please contact Ms. Blankenship or Mr. Rudy Castillo at (512) 414-2850 for volunteering opportunities!

## Blanton Elementary

*Karon Smutzer, ACE Site Coordinator*

Blanton opened its doors to many smiling faces on August 21, welcoming the students to the school and the new academic year. We have many new students and some new staff all looking forward to another year filled with learning fun. Please feel free to visit the school, ask questions and learn more about what Blanton Elementary can offer for your student.

Upcoming events or programs:

- September 11, 2017 ACE Program begins (after school program)
- September 14, 2017 Back to School Night, 5:30 p.m.
- September 14, 2017 PTA Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
- September 19, 2017 Principal Coffee, 8:30 a.m.
- September 25, 2017 Student Holiday (Teacher

Professional Development)

- September 29, 2017 Family Movie Night, 6:00 p.m.

We encourage the Windsor Park community to join us for any special Blanton events. For more information, please feel free to contact Karon Smutzer, ACE Site Coordinator at [karon.smutzer@austinisd.org](mailto:karon.smutzer@austinisd.org)

## Austin Achieve Public Schools

*Jessica Perez, Marketing & Communications Associate*

The Polar Bears have been back in action for over a month now and are off to a great start. Our scholars are already showing tremendous progress and we are looking forward to another wonderful year of learning.

**Austin Achieve Elementary School:** The Austin Achieve Elementary School is set to break ground at the end of this month! Our brand new 22-acre campus will include a 1,000+ sq. ft. library, outdoor learning courtyards, art rooms and so much more. Registration is now open for grades K-2, please visit [www.austinachieve.org/elementary](http://www.austinachieve.org/elementary) to enroll. For more information about our unique curriculum and “whole child” approach, or to schedule a tour, please contact Lizett Ternes at (512) 287-0345 // [LTernes@austinachieve.org](mailto:LTernes@austinachieve.org).

**Group Giveback Day:** Is your family, business or organization looking for a way to give back to the community? Participate in a Group Give Back Day here at Austin Achieve! During these events, volunteers complete a variety of campus enhancement projects that help foster a positive learning environment for our scholars. To learn more about Group Giveback Days and other volunteer opportunities please call (512) 522-4190. Follow us on Facebook to stay up to date with the latest Austin Achieve news!

## John H. Reagan Early College High School

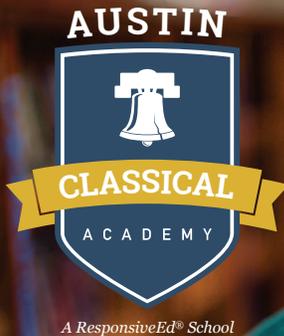
Julia Remington, LCSW Bilingual Social Services Specialist

- September 6- Back to School Night
- September 28 at 7:30pm- Homecoming game versus Lanier at Nelson Field.
- September 30- National Night out in Reagan Gym

Welcome back to school! This summer was busy for the Reagan Raider team. Many students attended ACC classes and earned over 180 dual (high school and college) credits.

Staff was busy recruiting graduating 8th graders for the early college program. 33 incoming freshman passed the TSI (the test needed to start college courses) and will be starting ACC this fall.

Fall sports has been prepping all summer in order to start strong. An average of 45 athletes were on campus daily during summer getting tutored by LULAC and training for sports. Great things are happening at Reagan. Please come to the September 6 Back to School Night to hear highlights and to meet new staff.



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(July 2017)

**# OF HOMES SOLD IN**      **18**  
(July 2017)

**AVG SQ FT OF HOMES SOLD**      **1,596**

**AVG DAYS ON MKT OF SOLDS**      **33**

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[Continued from page 6] can breed year round in areas such as Florida, Texas and Hawaii. All three populations are infected with OE.

Monarchs infected with OE will have spores wedged between the scales on their body, with the greatest concentration usually occurring on the abdomen. The



spores are very small and require a microscope to see.

Female monarchs pass OE spores onto their offspring when they lay eggs. When caterpillars emerge from the egg, they eat the egg shell ingesting the spores. When spores reach the midgut of the insect, they break

open and release protozoan parasites. The protozoans move through the gut lining to the epidermis where they reproduce asexually (divides multiple times increasing the number of protozoans). In the butterfly chrysalis stage, the protozoans go through sexual reproduction (again increasing the number of protozoans). Spores form so

the emerging butterfly is covered in spores. Spores can also be scattered onto milkweed from butterflies laying eggs or feeding on nectar. Spores on the milkweed can be consumed by caterpillars as they eat foliage.

Once butterflies are infected, they do not recover. OE does not grow or reproduce on the adults; spores remain dormant until they are ingested by a caterpillar.

Infected pupae have dark blotches 2-3 days before emergence. Adults that are heavily infected often have problems emerging from the chrysalis and some may die before emerging. Others that do emerge may fall to the ground before their wings are expanded leading to them dying quickly. Many infected monarchs look healthy, so the only way to determine infection is by looking for spores.

What can you do? Check monarchs for spores and destroy any you find that are infected. I know this seems harsh, but infected monarchs further spread the protozoa and kill more butterflies in later generations. Cut down milkweed several times per year to get rid of any possible spores that may be on the plants and to encourage new, healthy growth.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at [www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com)

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## September 2017 Yard of the Month

*Sara Jane Lee*

This month's winners are Michael and Laura Alley. The yard is a nomination. When they bought the house about eighteen months ago, they started working on the landscape. They wanted a clean, modern feel to complement the midcentury modern look of the house.

The house is brick painted gray brightened by a blue front door. A gray patterned concrete fence encloses the back yard. The grass yard is broken up by beds of gray gravel, Silver Ponyfoot, and mulch. Unlike many beds, all of these are rectangular. Austin Outdoor Design provided the basic design.

These beds near the street contain Mexican Feather Grass, and American Agave. Dwarf Yaupon Holly, Bicolor Iris, Splitleaf Philodendron, Flax Lily, Plumbago, Society Garlic, Knockout Roses are in beds nearer the house. Though they it is in the back yard, the Seabreeze Bamboo is very visible and makes a nice contrast to the gray fence. Because it is a clumping variety, it will not take over the neighborhood. There are two mature trees

in the front yard. One is an oak; the other is a multi-trunk tree with grayish green leaves.

Here is a quote from Laura on her favorite part of the design. "I really love the grasses in the front yard and the clean modern feel of the clean feel of the stepping stones to the front door," They designed the yard with water conversation in mind. They use their underground sprinkler system to water the yard once a week on their assigned watering day. If they must do additional watering, they hand water.

The Alleys will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate from our sponsor, Shoal Creek Nursery, 2710 Hancock Drive.

Do you like a certain yard, or yards, in the neighborhood? Tell us. We cannot visit every yard in the neighborhood every month. We may not have seen your great yard. Send your nomination(s) to WPNA YOMC, P O Box 16183, Austin, Texas 78761, call 512 928-0681 or e-mail [wpna.yom@gmail.com](mailto:wpna.yom@gmail.com).



## Business Spotlight: Windsor Park Veterinary Clinic

*In this series, we connect with neighborhood business owners to talk about what makes them tick, discover fun facts about their business, and hear directly from their customers (our neighbors) about how these businesses make life better in Windsor Park. A feature from the WPNA Revitalization Committee.*

Windsor Park Veterinary Clinic, located at 1928A Gaston Place Drive, is as close as it gets to a neighborhood fixture. Since opening its doors in 1983, Windsor Park Veterinary Clinic has taken care of countless neighborhood dogs, cats, and other pets.

We recently caught up with owner Dr. Rita M Geigel, VMD, who bought Windsor Park Veterinary Clinic from Dr. Michael Paclik 4 years ago. “When I first visited I knew this is where I wanted to be. Windsor Park is such a unique neighborhood! I felt so much compassion when I walked into the business. I wanted to be a part of it.”

Dr. Geigel says, “I decided to go into this business because my Great Grandfather was a Veterinarian. I grew up on a farm and my Grandfather instilled a love of animals in me from a young age.” Dr. Geigel is modest about her accomplishments and the things that set her business apart. When asked what she’s most proud of, she says simply, “Making sick pets well on a daily basis.” Her clients, however, are profuse in singing her praises.

Neighborhood resident Ryan P. recently shared his experience with Dr. Geigel and her staff. According to Ryan, “Our dog was hit by a car in the neighborhood. The injuries were terrible and she almost died....This little neighborhood clinic turned into a full speed dog ER. They hooked her up to oxygen, started an IV, performed x-rays, and had 3 (three!) vets and multiple hands on our dog. They stabilized her life and arranged her for transport to the major emergency clinic.”

Ryan continued, “Our sweet Jackie dog is doing okay now and there is no question she would not be if it weren’t for Windsor Park Veterinary Clinic. [The] staff at the ER told us that the doctor from Windsor Park had even come by that night to check on Jackie. Talk about really incredible humanity. We are so thankful.”

It’s no surprise that Dr. Geigel says her favorite thing about living in Windsor Park is the relationships she’s

developed with her neighbors (both two legged and four legged).

When she’s not at work, you can find Dr. Geigel at some of her favorite neighborhood restaurants, the Cuba Sandwich Cafe or Hillbert’s. As a small business owner herself, Dr. Geigel makes it a priority to support other small businesses. She’s a regular customer at the MCB Texaco Station on Briarcliff. When asked what she hopes to see in Windsor Park in the future, Dr. Geigel has a simple answer: more small businesses.



Technician Klay and Orange with the Digital X-Ray Station



Dr. Geigel showing the camera an extracted tooth.

### WPNA Call for volunteers

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- **Newsletter Sponsorship Coordinator** - this person will help solicit and manage sponsorships from our local business partners

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In late 2006 Miguel was working for Advanced Micro Devices, married, and finding himself somewhat uninspired by five years of corporate life when a friend offered to be partners in the bar business. This was a shock to Miguel, who had not shared his secret with the friend. It wasn't long before he was sending letters to the strip mall owner inquiring about the space on Corona. It took six months and a bunch of letters before a response came: maybe. The day labor business decided to not renew its lease, and Miguel had the space. There was only one problem: he didn't have permission to build a bar. His first stop was the WPNA, where he had been a member for years and attended the occasional meeting. He found a warm welcome from president Barb Selgestad and the whole organization which he then took to the city Planning Commission with the caveat of closing at midnight. The City Council agreed and rezoned the space for a bar.



Hiring friends and neighbors, the entire space was built out with local labor “and not a single contractor” he says with a smile. At first he was trying to be a coffee shop in the morning and bar at night, “but no one showed up for coffee.” Miguel switched off the coffee and turned up the bar and it worked. Nomad won the Austin Chronicle Best Neighborhood/Dive Bar three years in a row, and Windsor Park was finally on the city radar. In the meantime WPNA and the City Council agreed to Nomad being open until 2am.

A bit of a nomad himself, Miguel is from El Paso where he was a high school artist and award winning thespian. After leaving EP at 19 he found himself homeless in Memphis and spent half a year living in a tree. “There was a limb that was like a hammock, and I could sleep without being disturbed by the bums and the dogs.” This is where he got his first bar back job, and eventually an apartment above the bar. After a short stint in Huntsville, AL he moved to Austin. He earned two degrees from Southwest Texas State “on the eleven year plan” he laughs, in theater and anthropology.

These days Miguel has a 20 month old daughter, Stella Luna, and three more bars, one in New Orleans. And mark your calendars for the Summer Slam all day Saturday September 17 in the parking lot, with live music, food, and a giant water slide for the kids.

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**WPNA Calendar of Events**

School Committee Meeting

- Sept 6, 7 pm, location TBD, email [schools@windsorpark.info](mailto:schools@windsorpark.info)

Windsor Park Neighborhood Association meeting

- Sept 9, 10-12, Memorial United Methodist Church on Berkman

Contact Team Meeting

- Sept 11, 6:30 pm, Windsor Park Library

Transportation Committee Meeting

- Sept 19, 6:30 pm, Windsor Park Library

Beautification Committee Meeting

- Sept 21, 6 pm, Cement Loop (Windsor Village)

WPNA Executive Committee Meeting

- Sept 25, 7 pm, Windsor Park Library

Austin Neighborhood Council

- Sept 27, 7 pm, Austin Energy Building 721

Barton Springs Road

Revitalization and Economic Development Committee

- Sept 28, 6:30 pm, Windsor Park Library

Austin's Atlas "Mapping"

- Sept 30, 10 am, Pomerleau Park, Patton Lane

Pancake Breakfast Benefitting WPNA Scholarship

- October 7, 8-10 am, Mennonite Church

**Windsor Park Library Updates and Events**

**Events and Book Club**

Sept 5, Tues, 4:30pm: Tween STEAM - Robotics

Sept 12, Tues: 3:30pm: Lego Lab

7:00pm: Book Club - Animals in Translation by Temple Grandin

Sept 13, 20, 27, Wed, 6:00pm: Pajama Storytime

Sept 14, 21, 28 Thurs., 10:15am: All Ages Storytime

Sept 26, Tues, 3:30pm: Crafternoon

Oct 3, Tues, 4:30pm: Tween STEAM - Robotics

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